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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: AIR CARRIER RESTRICTION ON PHILIPPINE ISSUE OF  
TRAVEL PERMITS

1. NORTHWEST AIRLINES HAS COMPLAINED TO EMBASSY THAT PHILIPPINE DEPT. OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) IS REQUIRING WOULD BE TRAVELERS TO PRESENT A PHILIPPINE AIRLINES TICKET BEFORE RECEIVING DFA AUTHORITY TO GO ABROAD. NORTHWEST REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD SELLS (NWA PHILIPPINES), AND DISTRICT SALES MANAGER LESTER GILBERT OUTLINED PROBLEM TO EMBOFF OCT 24, PRESENTING AT THE TIME A COPY OF A LETTER TO DFA ACTING SECRETARY COLLANTES FROM DR. TOMAS JOSEF AND HIS WIFE ASKING FOR A WAIVER OF THE FLY-PAL RESTRICTION.

2. TEXT OF MAIN PARAGRAPH TOMAS LETTER, ADDRESSED TO COLLANTES AS CHAIRMAN OF DFA SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TRAVEL, IS AS FOLLOWS:  
QUOTE IN VIEW OF OUR DESIRE TO SEE PLACES LIKE TOKYO, ANCHORAGE AND CHICAGO, WHICH ARE NOT COVERED BY PHILIPPINE AIR LINES ROUTES, WITHOUT SPENDING EXTRA FARE ON OUR PROJECTED TRIP TO VISIT OUR DAUGHTER ABROAD, PLEASE ALLOW US TO REQUEST THAT WE TAKE NORTHWEST, INSTEAD OF PAL, ON OUR WAY TO THE UNITED STATES. WE PROMISE TO TAKE PAL ON OUR WAY BACK HOME TO THE PHILIPPINES. UNQUOTE

3. FOREGOING LETTER HAS A HANDWRITTEN ENDORSEMENT STATING:  
QUOTE THE POLICY OF THIS DEPARTMENT IN CASES LIKE THIS IS  
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--IF THE TICKET IS PURCHASED LOCALLY THE TRAVELER SHOULD

FLY BY OUR NATIONAL CARRIER. ROUTES SERVED BY PAL WOULD  
BE QUOTE NON-ENDORSABLE UNQUOTE TO OTHER AIRLINES. UNQUOTE

4. EMBASSY HAS HEARD RUMORS PREVIOUSLY OF SUCH A  
PRACTICE IN DFA BUT TOMAS LETTER AND ENDORSEMENT ARE  
FIRST CONCRETE EVIDENCE. EMBASSY BELIEVES PRACTICE SHOULD  
BE PROMPTLY AND VIGOROUSLY PROTESTED, AND REQUESTS DEPT  
VIEWS ON FORM SUCH PROTEST MIGHT BEST TAKE IN VIEW OF  
POSSIBLE EXPERIENCE WITH SUCH RESTRICTIVE DEVICES IN  
OTHER COUNTRIES.  
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